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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

WATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE)
MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL)
OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER)
SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING INCREASES, CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

BPU DKT NO. WR05050451 OAL DKT NO. PUCRL07623-2005N

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On May 18, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Middlesex Water Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and providing water service to approximately 58,000 customers within the Counties of Middlesex and Monmouth filed a petition for a revision of its rates for water service, amounting to an overall increase of \$6,443,984 or 13.1% in annual revenues, proposed to become effective July 1, 2005. The Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings and on June 22, 2005, the Board suspended these rates until November 1, 2005, pending a determination on the hearings on the justness and reasonableness of Petitioner's rates.

It now appearing that hearings before the Office of Administrative Law in this matter are continuing, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that said proposed revisions be and the same are hereby further suspended until March 1, 2006, unless the Board prior to said date shall make a determination disposing of said petition.

DATED: 10/2 7/05

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I/M/O THE PETITION OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES BPU Docket No. WR05050451 OAL Docket No. PUCRL07623-2005N

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